THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The opinion of the Supreme Court on the Reference would need to be awaited before any share of electricity from these Project can be allotted to Rajasthan.

(c) and (d) The Agreement signed on 10th May, 1984 provides for making a Reference to the Supreme Court as to whether Haryana and Rajasthan are entitled to share in the power generated in these Projects, and if so, what would be the share of each State. The matter has not so far been referred to the Supreme Court for its opinion.

Increase in Pay of Officers in Hotel Corporation of India

2935. SHRI MOHD. KHALEELUR RAHMAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the officers of the Hotel Corporation of India were given an increase in pay of Rs. 120/- p.m. w.e.f. 1-1-1986;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the officers of the Corporation were given another increase in pay ranging from Rs. 225/- onwards;

(c) whether C.C.A. and H.R.A. were allowed with the first increase, but were not allowed with the second increase;

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and the basis on which those increase etc. were allowed ; and

(e) whether the increase etc. were allowed on the basis of the report of a Committee if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI ARIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) Officers of the Hotel Corporation were given ad-hocrelief from 1-1-86 and second ad-hoc relief with effect from 1-8-87 as per the Bureau of Public Enterprises instructions.

(c) to (e) Payment of CCA and HRA has been made as per the BPE's instructions.

Price Control on Imported Drugs

2936. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM and CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 158 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 20th August, 1990, and state :

(a) on what basis his Ministry took a decision to include five drugs under price control ;

(b) what are the names of the producers of these drugs and what is the production of each during the last three years, yesarwise ;

(c) whether his Ministry have given any time limit with in which BICP would complete studies and send recommendations for prices of both bulk drugs and finished medicines ;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are a number of other drugs which are totally imported and turnover runs into crores of rupees but have not been included under price control and the formulations increased the prices without any basis ; and

(e) if so, by when his Ministry would be able to finalise the decision on all such drugs which have been wrongly excluded from price control?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M.S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) These five bulk drugs have been included under price control on the grounds that the turnover of each of the bulk drugs, exceeded Rupees fifty lakhs.

(b) As per available information there was no indigenous production of these drugs during the last three years, period ending 1988-89. However, Diclofenac Sodium and Povidone Iodine are now being manufactured in the country.

(c) No, Sir. However, it would be ensured that the complete exercise is done within minimum possible time.

(d) and (e). A number of representations have been received against wrong exclusion of certain bulk drugs from price control. 26 such bulk have already been brought under price control. The Standing Committee is looking into other cases.

Reduction in the prices of Mellaril tablets

2937. SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to refer to the answer to Starred Question 3 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 30th April, 1990 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry have effected second reduction in the prices of Mellaril tablets in the past four months;

(b) if so, on what basis such reduction has been brought about and what are the details in this regard ;

(c) what are the names of the formulations for which prices have been revised after refixation of drug prices;

(d) what was the original price of each and what is the revised price in each case;

(e) what are the names of formulations based on these drugs for which reduced prices have not been implemented so far; and

(f) what are the reasons therefor and by when fair prices would be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The prices of Mellaril tablets which are based on bulk drug Thioridazine were initially reduced in the month of March, 1990 based on the weighted average, c.i.f. price of Thioridazine during 1988-89, plus exchange escalation of 11.7%. However, subsequent this Department called for the details of import of bulk drug Thioridazine from the various formulators of this drug. Based on the c.i.f. price of imports from other sources, the prices of formulations based on Thioridazine have been reduced for the second time which includes Mellaril tablets also.

(c) and (d) A Statement giving the names of the formulations for which prices have been revised and other requisite details is annexed. (*See below*).

(e) and (f) The position is being ascertained from the concerned manufacturers.